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ABSTRACT

Based on common curriculum goals outlined by the Oregon Department of Education, this curriculum map is designed to assist eighth grade teachers in evaluating and revising their current curriculum. Instructions describe how teachers can effectively use the material provided to gather information and tally and analyze results. The map consists of two main sections. The receptive section focuses on those skills that allow students to receive and process information so as to help students use listening, reading, and literature skills to better understand human experiences and share cultural commonalities and differences. The expressive section focuses on those skills used in producing communication so as to help students use writing and speaking skills in a variety of modes of communication and self-expression. Each section contains a number of objectives for students completing eighth grade. These subsections are arranged on a grid for rating based on the following categories: (1) time spent on instruction and feedback; (2) degree to which current course goals reflect the common curriculum goals; (3) quality and quantity of instruction and practice; (4) preservice and inservice teacher education and experience; (5) questions; and (6) comments. (JD)

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Common Curriculum Goals

Curriculum Mapping

End of Eighth Grade

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USE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document is provided for your convenience. Curriculum mapping is not a required activity. However, you will find that information obtained in this process will be helpful in analyzing your current curriculum in terms of the English Language Arts Common Curriculum Goals and planning for curriculum revision.

INSTRUCTIONS

Use of this document to gather information

1. Decide on questions to be asked. Some questions are provided in the column headings. You may wish to add or delete column headings.
2. Items marked with an asterisk (*) are unique to the English Language Arts Common Curriculum Goals or indicate that a change has occurred in the wording of an Essential Learning Skill. Schools that have mapped for Essential Learning Skills may wish to survey only the asterisked items.
3. Determine who will respond to survey and under what conditions.
4. Reproduce the document and provide staff orientation and training.
5. Clarify intent of column headings and numeric scores.

Amount of Instruction:

Considerations here include amount of time and quality of instruction and feedback provided to students on the skill. Practice or application should only be considered if it is accompanied by instruction.

Included in Course Goals:

To be considered here is the degree to which the current local course goals reflect a particular common curriculum goal.

Adequate Materials:

Considerations here include the quality and the quantity of instruction and practice provided in the text or supplementary material. Any concerns about sufficient materials for each student should be reflected in the comment section rather than in the score.

- Ratings:
- 0 = absence or a complete lack of the item specified in the column heading.
 - 1 = a low or inadequate amount or quality of the specified item.
 - 2 = a moderate or reasonably satisfactory amount or quality of the specified item.
 - 3 = a high or substantial amount or quality of the specified item.

Adequate Teacher Training:

Considerations here include teacher pre-service, inservice, college courses, workshops, personal reading and experiences which provide the teacher with the necessary skills to teach toward the specified goals.

Blank Column:

This column is provided for questions that you would like to add.

Comments:

Encourage teachers to use this section to clarify their ratings or express related concerns.

Use of this document to tally results

Results can be tallied in the space provided above numeric scores on an unmarked form. Consideration should be given to tallying by grade level or course title.

Use of this document to analyze results

An additional unmarked document can be used to display results across grades or courses for analysis and decision-making. Data could be displayed in a numeric average, as a compilation of all ratings, with a word descriptor (such as low, medium, high), or symbolically, using color coding.

ASSIGNMENT: 6 _____ 8 _____
7 _____ Course _____

End of Eighth Grade

	Amount of Instruction	Included in Course Goals	Adequate Materials		Adequate Teacher Training		COMMENTS
			Basal Text	Supple-mentary			
1. STUDENTS WILL USE LISTENING, READING AND LITERATURE SKILLS TO UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE HUMAN EXPERIENCES AND TO SHARE CULTURAL COMMONALITIES AND DIFFERENCES.							
STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO:							
1.1 RECOGNIZE WORDS COMMONLY USED IN GRADE-LEVEL MATERIALS INCLUDING SUBJECT AREAS (ELS 1.1)							
b Use context clues in a selection to infer correct word(s)	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Distinguish affixes, root words, contractions, possessives	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
d Recognize common words at sight in content area materials	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* e Recognize common abbreviations	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
1.2 DETERMINE MEANING OF UNKNOWN WORDS COMMONLY USED IN GRADE-LEVEL MATERIALS, INCLUDING SUBJECT AREAS (ELS 1.2)							
a Use context clues, punctuation and syntax to infer meaning of unknown words and concepts	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
b Use knowledge of affixes and root words to determine word meanings	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Use dictionaries, glossaries and other reference materials to find word meanings	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	

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End of Eighth Grade

	Amount of Instruction	Included in Course Goals	Adequate Materials		Teacher Training		COMMENTS
			Basal Text	Supplementary			
1.3 IDENTIFY MAIN IDEAS, SUPPORTING DETAILS, AND FACTS AND OPINIONS PRESENTED IN WRITTEN, ORAL AND VISUAL FORMATS (ELS 2.1)							
a Distinguish facts from opinions	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
b Recall both facts and opinions and related supporting details	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Arrange facts and opinions in order of time and degree of importance	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* d Identify main idea in longer selections	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
e Follow directions or sequences of events when signal words are not given	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
1.4 USE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AS BASIS FOR GAINING KNOWLEDGE AND IMPROVING COMPREHENSION (ELS 2.2)							
a Use table of contents, index, summaries, charts, graphs and illustrations to locate information needed	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
b Use organization of materials (summaries, headings and review questions) for preview and review	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Use diacritical markings or respellings to pronounce words	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
d Use selectively a variety of visual materials to obtain needed information	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	

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			Basal Text	Supplementary			
1.5 COMPREHEND IMPLIED MEANINGS OF WRITTEN, ORAL AND VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS (ELS 3.1)							
a Relate new information to previous knowledge	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
b Draw logical conclusions from information presented	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* c Summarize literal and implied meanings of main and subordinate ideas from information presented in grade-level selections and literary works	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
d Recognize direct and indirect cause and effect relationships	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
e Predict probable future outcomes or actions	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
f Make inferences and draw conclusions based on perception of implied meaning	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
g Identify emotional and intellectual states of others as evidenced by body language, gestures, tone, inflection, volume	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
h Recognize double meanings of words and phrases	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	

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			Basal Text	Supplementary			
1.9 LISTEN, READ, VIEW AND EVALUATOR PRESENTATIONS OF MASS MEDIA (ELS 4.4)							
a Recognize elements and identify influences of mass media upon self and society	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* b Demonstrate appropriate audience skills for different media presentations	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Critically evaluate mass media influences	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
d Recognize persuasion techniques found in audio and visual communications	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
1.10 DEMONSTRATE AN APPRECIATION OF READING AND LITERATURE AS LIFE-LONG SOURCES OF RECREATION AND LEARNING							
* a Choose selections that encompass a variety of interests	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* b Justify preference for certain types of selections over others	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* c Identify reading selections related to potential career choices	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	

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			Basal Text	Supplementary			
1.11 GENERATE AND TEST INTERPRETATIONS, EXPLANATIONS, PREDICTIONS AND HYPOTHESES ABOUT READING AND LITERATURE SELECTIONS (ELS 6.2)							
a Interpret differences between two explanations	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* b Develop a hypothesis from information presented in a selection	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
1.12 MAKE REASONED EVALUATIONS ABOUT READING AND LITERATURE SELECTIONS (ELS 6.4)							
a Explain reasons why fallacies might be included in statements	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
b Analyze statements in mass media in terms of appropriateness and effectiveness	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Evaluate whether a conclusion is based on evidence or opinion	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	

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			Basal Text	Supple-mentary			
1.13 DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE OF A VARIETY OF LITERATURE							
* ^a Analyze several pieces of literature written by American authors	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* ^b Analyze several pieces of literature representing diverse cultures and time periods	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* ^c Compare the setting and characters from several cultures	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* ^d Identify various literary forms such as poetry, drama, biography and autobiography	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* ^e Justify personal reactions and responses to literature selections and relate to textual information	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
1.14 DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE OF LITERARY CONVENTIONS AND ELEMENTS OF STRUCTURE							
* ^a Compare elements of fiction among literature selections	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* ^b Identify the roles of figurative language in literature	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	

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			Basal Text	Supplementary			
1.15 CLARIFY PURPOSES OF ASSIGNMENT (ELS 7.1)							
a Determine general purpose of assignment and ask clarification questions if necessary	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
b Determine ideas, concepts, generalities, principles and issues addressed in the assignment	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
1.16 USE RESOURCES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM (ELS 7.2)							
a Locate, check-out and return books and other circulating media materials	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* b Locate and use non-circulating reference materials including electronic sources	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Use library classification system and services to locate specialized resources required to complete assignments	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* d Locate and use different reference sources such as personal interviews and on-site visits for a variety of purposes including career information	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	

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1.17 SELECT AND USE APPROPRIATE
STUDY TECHNIQUES (ELS 7.3)

	Amount of Instruction	Included in Course Goals	Adequate Materials		Adequate Teacher Training		COMMENTS
			Basal Text	Supple- mentary			
a Follow a study plan including: goal setting, time management, appropriate study environment, processing of information	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
b Accomplish learning task using appropriate study techniques (preview and review chapters, read and reread text, ask clarifying questions, seek help when needed, use memory devices, summarize, study with classmates, use self-questioning)	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Vary reading rate according to purpose for reading the selection (skim for content overview, scan for specific information)	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
d Keep study materials, log and related notes organized and accessible	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
e Turn in assignments on time	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
f Use appropriate test-taking techniques	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* 9 Identify how independent learning techniques assist in career planning	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	

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			Basal Text	Supplementary			
2. STUDENTS WILL USE WRITING AND SPEAKING SKILLS IN A VARIETY OF MODES OF COMMUNICATION AND SELF-EXPRESSION.							
STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO:							
2.1 SPEAK AND READ ORALLY WITH STANDARD PRONUNCIATION, APPROPRIATE VOLUME, RATE, GESTURES AND INFLECTIONS (ELS 1.3)							
b Pronounce words according to acceptable Standard English	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* c Use pitch, rate, tone and volume to enhance oral readings and presentations	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* d Demonstrate appropriate oral presentation skills such as poise, posture, correct use of language, gesture and intonation	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	

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2. Use oral communication to give and receive information, directions, and feedback (1-3)

* 1 Paraphrase oral and written messages

* 2 Give accurate oral directions

* 3 Demonstrate appropriate verbal and non-verbal behaviors including simulated job interview situation

* 4 Ask questions designed to clarify, gain assistance or locate information

* 5 Share ideas and information orally with others

* 6 Provide accurate descriptive detail orally

* 7 Take notes and give summaries based on oral presentations

* 8 Follow multi-step oral instructions

* 9 Identify main idea in a long oral presentation

* 10 Interpret poetry and drama orally

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		Racial Test	Supplementary			
0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
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0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
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			Basal Text	Supplementary			
2.3 USE GROUP DISCUSSION SKILLS APPROPRIATELY							
* ^a Demonstrate group discussion skills such as questioning, contributing, taking turns, sharing ideas and clarifying a point	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* ^b Model appropriate roles of participants and facilitators in group discussion	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* ^c Evaluate the effectiveness of a group discussion	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
2.4 USE A VARIETY OF TECHNIQUES TO GENERATE WRITING AND SPEAKING TOPICS (PREWRITING) (ELS 5.1)							
^a Use personal experiences, knowledge and feelings as sources of writing	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
^b Use idea-generation techniques such as brainstorming and focused-object thinking	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
^c Record ideas, observations, facts and questions for later use	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
^d Use personal reading and subject area content as sources of topics	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
^e Discuss and share thoughts and ideas	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	

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			Basal Text	Supplementary			
2.5 ORGANIZE IDEAS IN UNDERSTANDABLE FORMAT IN PLANNING WRITTEN AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS (ELS 5.2)							
a Classify words, topics and ideas	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
b Use evidence from verifiable sources to support own ideas and concepts	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Select and use details, examples, illustrations, evidence and logic to develop a topic	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
d Organize information using formats such as outlining, clustering and making maps and charts	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
2.6 SELECT AND USE LANGUAGE, GESTURES AND SYMBOLS APPROPRIATE TO AUDIENCE, PURPOSE, TOPIC AND SETTING WHEN PLANNING ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATIONS (ELS 5.5)							
a Use a variety of techniques and figurative expressions to convey meaning	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
b Use gestures and inflections to enhance oral presentations	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Design communication appropriate to topic, audience and desired outcome	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* d Identify and use different levels of formal and informal language in appropriate situations	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
e Plan and make oral and visual presentations	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
f Evaluate effects of communication and modify subsequent communication	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	

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			Basal Text	Supplementary			
2.7 SELECT APPROPRIATE FORM OF WRITING BASED ON AUDIENCE AND PURPOSE IN PREWRITING AND PLANNING (ELS 5.3)							
a Write in a variety of forms such as personal essays, journals, reports, stories, letters, poems and descriptions	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
b Use writing appropriate to purpose such as to inform, persuade, entertain and share experiences	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
2.8 PRESENT IDEAS IN UNDERSTANDABLE SEQUENCE ON THE TOPIC SELECTED IN PLANNING AND DRAFTING WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (ELS 5.4)							
a Write complete sentences	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
b Write paragraphs in which all sentences are related to the topic	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Write paragraphs containing a stated main idea and a closing sentence	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
d Write multiparagraph essays, letters, stories and reports	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* e Write in narrative, descriptive, expository, imaginative and persuasive modes	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* f Write a letter of application for a job	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	

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2.9 MAKE REASONED EVALUATIONS ABOUT ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (ELS 6.4)

a Explain reasons why fallacies might be included in statements

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0 1 2 3

0 1 2 3

0 1 2 3

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0 1 2 3

b Analyze statements in mass media in terms of appropriateness and effectiveness

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c Evaluate whether a conclusion is based on evidence or opinion

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d State societal criteria for deciding whether to engage in a particular activity

0 1 2 3

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e Identify societal criteria for assessing the worth of a performance or work of art

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2.10 RECOGNIZE, CONSTRUCT AND DRAW INFERENCES CONCERNING RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THINGS AND IDEAS IN PLANNING AND DRAFTING WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (ELS 6.1)

a Classify things or ideas according to patterns

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0 1 2 3

0 1 2 3

0 1 2 3

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* b Construct and use analogies, models and metaphors

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* c Use figurative language in a short piece of writing

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2.11 EVALUATE AND REVISE OWN WRITING FOR MEANING, CLARITY, AND COMPREHENSIVENESS (ELS 5.6)							
a Revise own writing to enhance clarity and meaning	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
b Vary sentence patterns	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Choose words and phrases that effectively convey thoughts and emotions	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
d Use appropriate style and vocabulary for intended audience	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
e Use transitional words and phrases to connect ideas in sentences and paragraphs	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* f Revise and edit writing to make it grammatically correct	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* g Use sentence combining techniques to create and express more complex concepts	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
2.12 APPLY THE CONVENTIONS OF WRITING TO PRODUCE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WHEN EDITING AND PROOFREADING (ELS 5.7)							
a Edit for complete and correct sentences, pronoun use, punctuation and usage	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
b Spell correctly	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Produce legible final copy (manual or electronic processes)	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	

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2.13 DETERMINE THE SIGNIFICANCE AND ACCURACY OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS PRESENTED IN WRITTEN, ORAL, AURAL, AND VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS (ELS 4.1)							
a Separate between relevant and irrelevant information used to draw conclusions	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
b Identify propaganda and other persuasion techniques	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Identify biases and stereotypes	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
2.14 LISTEN, READ, VIEW AND EVALUATE PRESENTATIONS OF MASS MEDIA (ELS 4.4)							
a Recognize elements and identify influences of mass media upon self and society	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* b Demonstrate appropriate audience skills for different media presentations	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Critically evaluate mass media influences	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
d Recognize persuasion techniques found in audio and visual communications	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	

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2. TO USE ORAL COMMUNICATION TO INFLUENCE OTHERS AND TO RESPOND TO PERSUASION (E1.8.2)

a. Provide logical answers based upon factual data

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b. Use multiple sources to verify information

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c. Express own feelings, knowledge and beliefs

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d. Recognize sources of persuasion and select appropriate persuasive response

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e. Present a persuasive talk

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7. TO DEMONSTRATE AN APPRECIATION OF WRITING AND ORAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS AS A LIFE-LONG MEANS OF SELF-EXPRESSION, LEARNING AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

a. Share personal experiences and insights orally and in writing

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b. Analyze a piece of literature for the author's personal message

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c. Analyze a presentation that contains effective communication skills

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d. Use writing as a tool for thinking, generating new ideas, clarifying a viewpoint and communicating it to others

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2.17 DESCRIBE THE DEVELOPMENTS AND CHANGES WHICH LANGUAGE HAS UNDERGONE AND CONTINUES TO UNDERGO							
* ^a Identify the factors that make language dynamic such as social, cultural, technological and geographical influences	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* ^b Describe dialectal differences	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* ^c Explain how dialect, jargon and slang change the nature of language	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
2.18 RECOGNIZE THE BEAUTY AND RHYTHM OF LANGUAGE							
* ^a Identify rhyming words, sound devices and rhythm in an oral or written selection	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* ^b Identify rhythmic forms of language	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* ^c Choose and present an example of beautiful or rhythmic language (own or other)	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
2.19 GENERATE AND TEST INTERPRETATIONS, EXPLANATIONS, PREDICTIONS AND HYPOTHESES IN WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATION (ELS 6.2)							
^a Interpret differences between two explanations	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
^b Develop a hypothesis from observations	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
* ^c Gather information that confirms or negates a hypothesis	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	

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2.20 FORMULATE AND SUPPORT A POSITION ORALLY AND IN WRITING USING APPROPRIATE INFORMATION AND SOUND ARGUMENT (ELS 6.5)							
a Take a position on an issue based on written documentation	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
b Support another person's position on an issue	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Analyze arguments against own cultural knowledge or beliefs	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
2.21 REFLECT UPON AND IMPROVE OWN REASONING IN ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (ELS 6.6)							
a Describe the strengths and weaknesses of inductive and deductive reasoning	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
b Explain personal biases	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Refrain from defending positions when recognized authority provides constructive criticism	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	

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2.22 SELECT AND USE APPROPRIATE STUDY TECHNIQUES (ELS 7.3)							
a Follow a study plan including: goal setting, time management, appropriate study environment, processing of information	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
b Accomplish learning task using appropriate study techniques (preview and review chapters, read and reread text, ask clarifying questions, seek help when needed, use memory devices, summarize, study with classmates, use self-questioning)	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
c Vary reading rate according to purpose for reading the selection (skim for content overview, scan for specific information)	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
d Keep study materials, log and related notes organized and accessible	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
e Turn in assignments on time	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	
f Use appropriate test-taking techniques	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	0 1 2 3	

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